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RUSSO-PERSIAN WORKSHOP

"Winning and Losing the Great Game: Literature, Art, and Diplomacy between Russia and Iran"

From Friday, November 07, 2014 - 1:00PM
To Saturday, November 08, 2014 - 5:45PM
Mershon Center for International Security Studies
1501 Neil Ave. Columbus, OH 43201
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Overview

An understanding of the historical relations between Iran, Georgia, Armenia and Russia is crucial for appreciating and navigating current political and cultural challenges in the region. The Russo-Persian Workshop will be devoted to looking closely at the relationship between imperial powers at their peak (1820s-1830s), some details of which still remain to be unearthed in archives across the region. Exploring the Russo-Persian relationship through cultural and artistic artifacts will shed light on diplomatic and cultural relations between two vital participants in the so-called "Great Game," Russia and Iran, and will contribute to an understanding of the region today.

Organizers

Angela Brintlinger, Professor of Slavic and East European Languages and Cultures, The Ohio State University

Dr. Brintlinger has written and published articles about the poetic, diplomatic, and cultural behavior of Alexander Griboedov (1795-1829) in Canadian and Russian journals and edited collections; presented her research about Griboedov in Russia and Ukraine; and edited a special cluster of articles devoted to Griboedov in the scholarly journal, *The Pushkin Review*. She is fluent in English and Russian.

Firuz Melville, Director of the Cambridge Centre for Persian Studies at Pembroke College, Cambridge University

A Persianist who speaks Russian, Persian, English, and some Arabic, Dr. Melville has worked in museum and archival collections of Russia (including the State Hermitage and Russian Museums as well as the State Archive); Iran (Royal Collection, Golestan Palace, Museum of Royal Jewels, and the Parliament Library); and Georgia (National Museum and Archives). In 2013 Dr. Melville received a British Academy grant (British Institute of Persian Studies) to pursue research in Tbilisi, Georgia, and Tehran, Iran and to collaborate with colleagues there.

Jennifer Siegel, Associate Professor of History, The Ohio State University

Jennifer Siegel is a historian whose expertise lies in empire studies, including diplomatic, financial, and military history. Fluent in English, French, and Russian, Dr. Siegel brings a vast knowledge of diplomatic networks and relations and a depth of historical perspective. Author of the prizewinning *Endgame: Britain, Russia, and the Final Struggle for Central Asia* (2002), Siegel is publishing her newest book, *For Peace and Money: French and British Money in the Service of Tsars and Commissars* (Oxford UP) this November.



Angela Brintlinger



Firuz Melville



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